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NEW ETFS RULES EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 17, 2011

WC Docket No. 10-141

The Wireline Competition Bureau has announced that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection associated with the Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System Report and Order (*ETFS Order*).¹ The *ETFS Order* revises the Commission's rules to enable all tariffs to be filed electronically, and those rule revisions become effective on November 17, 2011.²

As required by the *ETFS Order*, all tariff filers must use the Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS) to file their initial Base Document within sixty (60) days after the rules become effective.³ Accordingly, tariff filers should file their initial Base Document and/or Informational Tariff using the ETFS between November 17, 2011 and January 17, 2012. We encourage tariff filers to plan appropriately and not wait until the last day of the 60-day period to ensure that the ETFS will be able to accept their filing. In filing their initial Base Document and/or Informational Tariff, carriers should file electronically the exact tariff that is effective with the Commission at that time. These initial documents must be filed in Adobe Acrobat's Portable Document Format (PDF) format and should include a cover letter that concisely explains the nature and purpose of the filing.⁴ No transmittal number or filing fee is required for this initial filing.

To file the initial Base Document and/or Informational Tariff during the initial 60-day filing period, carriers will need their FCC Registration Number (FRN) and FRN password. The FRN and FRN password will be used by the ETFS system to generate a specific ETFS ID. After the initial 60-day filing period, new carriers filing on the ETFS must establish a new account and the Commission will assign the required ETFS ID.

Except for Operator Service Providers (OSPs), once the initial Base Document is filed all subsequent tariff revisions to this document must be filed on the ETFS and such filings must comply with

¹ See Federal Communications Commission, Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS), 76 FR 61956 (citing *Electronic Tariff Filing System*, WC Docket No. 10-141, Report and Order, 26 FCC Rcd 8884 (2011) (*ETFS Order*)).

² *Id.*

³ *ETFS Order*, 26 FCC Rcd at 8889, para. 16.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 61.15(i) as revised effective Nov. 17, 2011.